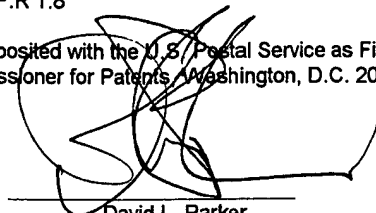


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In re Application of:
Carol A. Westbrook

Serial No.: 07/784,222

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1997**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of three months to and including August 25, 1997 in which to respond to the Office Action dated February 25, 1997.

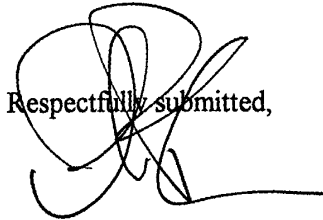
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$1,700.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$930.00) for a three month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R.

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overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Arnold, White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/ARCD:010/PAR.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Parker', written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

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